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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA - SPAIN'S ADDRESS TO PLENARY IN THE GENERAL
DEBATE

1. SPAIN'S FOREIGN MINISTER MARCELINO OREJA AGUIRRE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FORECAST GREATER SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. OREJA SAID THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS TO DEVELOP A NEW IMAGE IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND TO HAVE SPAIN'S VOICE HEARD ON WORLD ISSUES. HE STRESSED: "THE CORNERSTONE OF SPAIN'S NEW DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY WILL BE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS."

2. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, OREJA SAID THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION MUST BE BASED ON SCRUPULOUS REGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. HE HOPED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EFFORT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT TERRORISM IS ALSO A FORM OF VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF "INNOCENT VICTIMS" AND UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR "COORDINATED ACTION." HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, SPECIFICALLY MENTION THE FRG PROPOSAL.

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3. OREJA MADE SPECIAL NOTE OF THE UNITED NATIONS' "GREAT CONTRIBUTION IN SPEEDING DECOLONIZATION," POINTED OUT THAT SPAIN HAD NOW CEASED TO EXERCISE POWER IN THE SAHARA, AND THEN REMINDED THE ASSEMBLY THAT "COLONIALISM" IS BEING MAINTAINED ON GIBRALTAR AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE SPANISH PEOPLE. HE BRIEFLY BUT EMPHATICALLY EMPHASIZED THE URGENCY OF NEGOTIATIONS "TO RESTORE THE UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF SPAIN."

4. OREJA TOOK A CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION OVER THE PAST YEAR, SAW CIEC AS MOVING PROSPECTS A STEP FORWARD, AND SAID SPAIN WOULD PARTICIPATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN A DIALOGUE WHICH SPAIN CONSIDERS A "NECESSARY PART OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

5. OREJA REITERATED SPAIN'S TRADITION OF FRIENDSHIP WITH ARAB AND LATIN NATIONS BUT STAYED CLEAR OF SPECIFICS, REMARKING ONLY THAT SPAIN HOPES THE PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE FRUITFUL.

6. HE ENDORSED A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

7. ON UN CHARTER REVIEW, HE SUGGESTED A STRENGTHENING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN ECOSOC OF A PERMANENT WORLD ECONOMIC COMMISSION.

8. AT CONCLUSION OF AFTERNOON SESSION OF UNGA PLENARY, UK, EXERCISING RIGHT OF REPLY, REITERATED ITS POSITION TO ADHERE TO PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN DEALING WITH GIBRALTAR ISSUE. CITING PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH SPAIN ON THE MATTER, UK PLEDGED TO CONTINUE TO SEEK AGREEMENT WITH THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.
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